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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 9th, 10th, 29th and 43rd meetings, on 12 and 13 October, 10 November and on 12 December 1995. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/50/SR.9, 10, 29 and 43). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 3, 4 and from 9 to 12 October (see A/C.2/50/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/50/190-E/1995/73);

(b) Letter dated 2 October 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the nineteenth annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held at United Nations Headquarters on 29 September 1995 (A/50/518).

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4. At the 9th meeting, on 12 October, the Director of the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/50/SR.9).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/50/L.9 and L.58

5. At the 29th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of the Philippines introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development" (A/C.2/50/L.9), which had been submitted by the Philippines, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, and Colombia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. Subsequently, Kyrgyzstan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1/ and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1994/227 of 14 July 1994, by which the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, including discussion of the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/55 of 28 July 1995 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, by which the Council endorsed the terms of reference proposed by the Commission on Population and Development in its report on its twenty-eighth session, 2/ which reflect the comprehensive and integrated nature of population and development,

"Recalling also the decision entitled 'Demographic trends and sustainability' taken by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its third session, 3/ in which the Commission recognized that chapter 5 of

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1/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27), annex I.

3/ Ibid., 1995, Supplement No. 12 (E/1995/32), chap. III, para. 21.

Agenda 21 4/ and chapter III of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development reinforce one another and together form a comprehensive and compelling up-to-date account of what needs to be done about the interface between population, environment and sustainable development,

"Acknowledging fully the integrated approach taken during the International Conference on Population and Development, which recognizes the interrelationship between population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 5/

"Reaffirming the importance of the principles and concepts set out in the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21 for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"Noting with satisfaction the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development has made to the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, and expressing its belief in the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development will make to the forthcoming second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and in the elaboration of an agenda for development, in particular with regard to the call for a greater investment in people,

"1. Notes the action taken so far by Governments and the international community to implement the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and encourages them to strengthen their efforts in that regard;

"2. Reiterates its commitment to the full implementation of the Programme of Action and reaffirms that Governments should continue to commit themselves at the highest political level to achieving its goals and objectives, which reflect a new integrated approach to population and development, and to take a lead role in coordinating the implementation as well as monitoring and evaluating the follow-up actions;

"3. Reaffirms that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action is the sovereign right of every country, in accordance with its national laws and development priorities,

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4/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

5/ A/50/190.

with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its peoples and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights;

"4. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 and of the proposals contained therein; 5/

"5. Welcomes the following proposals made by the United Nations Population Fund in the above-mentioned report:

"(a) To replace the Fund's biennial report to the Commission on Population and Development on multilateral population assistance by an annual report on the amount of financial resources allocated for the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national and international levels. Such reports would provide information on the allocation of domestic resources for population and development programmes, the amount of international assistance in the field of population and development and an assessment of the country-specific needs in terms of financial assistance;

"(b) To further refine and improve, where necessary, the current system devoted to monitoring the amount of international assistance for programmes dealing with population and development so as to render it more accurate;

"6. Decides that the composition of the Commission on Population and Development be reviewed with the aim of increasing its membership to 53, in order to ensure that it fulfil its functions as reflected in its updated and enhanced mandate, taking into account the integrated multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach of the Programme of Action and the membership of the other functional commissions of the Council;

"7. Takes further note of the report of the Secretary-General on monitoring world population trends and policies, 6/ and of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on monitoring multilateral population assistance; 7/

"8. Recognizes that the establishment of a separate executive board of the United Nations Population Fund is dealt with in the context of the review of implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, taking into account the role of the Fund in the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"9. Renews its call to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other major groups concerned with population and development issues, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and other community leaders, to continue to

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give the widest possible dissemination to the Programme of Action, including the use of electronic data networks, to seek public support for its goals, objectives and actions, and to maintain and enhance partnership between Governments and non-governmental organizations so as to ensure their continued contributions and cooperation concerning all aspects of population and development;

"10. Urges Governments that have not yet done so to establish appropriate national follow-up mechanisms, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, community groups and representatives of the media and the academic community, and to seek the support of parliamentarians, so as to ensure the full implementation of the Programme of Action;

"11. Reaffirms that the follow-up to the Conference, at all levels, should fully take into account that the factors of population, health, education, poverty, patterns of production and consumption, empowerment of women and the environment are closely interconnected and should be considered through an integrated approach;

"12. Urges all countries to consider their current spending priorities with a view to making additional contributions for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the provisions of chapters XIII and XIV thereof and the economic constraints faced by developing countries, and reaffirms that international cooperation in the field of population and development is essential for the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Conference. In that context, the international community is called upon to continue to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, adequate and substantial support and assistance for population and development activities, including through the United Nations Population Fund and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies that will be involved in the implementation, at all levels, of the Programme of Action;

"13. Reiterates the importance of South/South cooperation for the successful implementation of the Programme of Action and urges donor countries and institutions to lend their support for such cooperation;

"14. Reaffirms that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action will require an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and calls upon the developed countries to complement the national financial efforts of developing countries on population and development and intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

"15. Urges the international community to promote a supportive international economic environment by adopting favourable macroeconomic policies for promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development, so as to allow and sustain the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action by the developing countries;

"16. Reiterates the importance of the early identification and allocation of financial resources by all members of the international community, including regional financial institutions, to enable and support the fulfilment of commitments with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"17. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for the Conference follow-up activities to be carried out by the Secretariat during 1996;

"18. Invites the regional commissions, other regional and subregional organizations and the development banks to continue to examine and analyse the results of implementation of the Programme of Action at the regional level under their respective mandates;

"19. Welcomes the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Implementation of the Programme of Action, chaired by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, and stresses the importance of continued and enhanced cooperation and coordination by all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"20. Emphasizes the need to maintain the momentum of the follow-up activities relating to the Conference and the Programme of Action so as to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, existing capacity within the United Nations system in the area of population and development, including the Commission on Population and Development, the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund, other organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies whose continued support and commitment are required for the successful implementation of the full range of activities outlined in the Programme of Action, and invites them to work closely in the preparation of reports for the Commission on Population and Development;

"21. Requests the specialized agencies and all related organizations of the United Nations system to continue to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the specific needs of developing countries, and welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to report through the Commission on Population and Development to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996 on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force, for coordination purposes, and to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, for policy implications;

"22. Requests the Economic and Social Council:

"(a) To discuss the relevant matters concerning harmonization, cooperation and collaboration within the United Nations system regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"(b) To discuss, as appropriate, the reports submitted by the different bodies and organs on various matters related to the Programme of Action;

"(c) To discuss the proposed report on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force;

"23. Calls upon the funds and programmes of the United Nations system and the regional commissions and funds to continue to provide their full and active support to the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly at the field level, through the United Nations resident coordinator system and invites the relevant specialized agencies to do the same;

"24. Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

"25. Decides to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session, within existing clusters, an item entitled 'Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development'."

6. At the 43rd meeting, on 12 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/50/L.58), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.9, and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 5, the words "Decides that the membership of the Commission on Population and Development be increased to __ States, selected by the Economic and Social Council from among the members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies, bearing in mind that the representatives of Governments nominated to serve on the Commission should preferably have relevant background in population and development," were replaced by the words "Endorses Economic and Social Council decision 1995/320 of 12 December 1995, by which it enlarged the membership of the Commission on Population and Development from 27 to 47 members, elected by the Council from among the members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies, in time to take part in the twenty-ninth session of the Commission, and that the regional representation would be 12 for African States, 11 for Asian States, 5 for Eastern European States, 9 for Latin American and Caribbean States and 10 for Western European and Other States, bearing in mind that the representatives of Governments that are to serve on the Commission should have a relevant background in population and development";

(b) Operative paragraph 7 was deleted.

7. The Committee's attention was drawn to a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.58, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/49/L.81).

8. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement (see A/C.2/50/SR.43).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.58, as orally revised (see para. 10).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 8/ and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1994/227 of 14 July 1994, by which the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, including discussion of the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/55 of 28 July 1995 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, by which the Council endorsed the terms of reference proposed by the Commission on Population and Development in its report on its twenty-eighth session, 9/ which reflect the comprehensive and integrated nature of population and development,

Acknowledging fully the integrated approach taken during the International Conference on Population and Development, which recognizes the interrelationship between population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 10/

8/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

9/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27), annex I.

10/ A/50/190.

Recognizing that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action is the sovereign right of every country, in accordance with its national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its peoples and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights,

Reaffirming the importance of the principles and concepts set out in the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21 for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and in that regard recognizing that chapter 5 of Agenda 21 11/ and chapter III of the Programme of Action reinforce one another and together form a comprehensive and compelling up-to-date account of what needs to be done about the interface between population, environment and sustainable development,

Noting with satisfaction the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development has made to the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, and expressing its belief in the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development will make to the forthcoming Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and in the elaboration of an agenda for development, in particular with regard to the call for a greater investment in people,

1. Notes the action taken so far by Governments and the international community to implement the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and encourages them to strengthen their efforts in that regard;

2. Reiterates its commitment to the full implementation of the Programme of Action, and reaffirms that Governments should continue to commit themselves at the highest political level to achieving its goals and objectives, which reflect a new integrated approach to population and development, and to take a lead role in coordinating the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the follow-up actions;

3. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 and of the proposals contained therein; 10/

4. Takes note of the following proposals made by the United Nations Population Fund in the above-mentioned report:

(a) To replace the biennial report of the Fund to the Commission on Population and Development on multilateral population assistance by an annual report on the amount of financial resources allocated for the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national and international levels;

11/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

(b) To refine and improve further, where necessary, the current system devoted to monitoring the amount of international assistance for programmes dealing with population and development so as to render it more accurate;

5. Endorses Economic and Social Council decision 1995/320 of 12 December 1995, by which it enlarged the membership of the Commission on Population and Development from 27 to 47 members, elected by the Council from among the members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies, in time to take part in the twenty-ninth session of the Commission, and that the regional representation would be 12 for African States, 11 for Asian States, 5 for Eastern European States, 9 for Latin American and Caribbean States and 10 for Western European and Other States, bearing in mind that the representatives of Governments that are to serve on the Commission should have a relevant background in population and development, in order to ensure that it fulfils its functions as reflected in its updated and enhanced mandate, taking into account the integrated multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach of the Programme of Action and the membership of the other functional commissions of the Council;

6. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on monitoring world population trends and policies, 12/ and of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on monitoring multilateral population assistance; 13/

7. Renews its call to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other major groups concerned with population and development issues, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and other community leaders, to continue to give the widest possible dissemination to the Programme of Action, including the use of electronic data networks, to seek public support for its goals, objectives and actions, and to maintain and enhance partnership between Governments and non-governmental organizations so as to ensure their continued contributions and cooperation concerning all aspects of population and development;

8. Urges Governments that have not yet done so to establish appropriate national follow-up mechanisms, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, community groups and representatives of the media and the academic community, and to seek the support of parliamentarians so as to ensure the full implementation of the Programme of Action;

9. Reaffirms that the follow-up to the Conference, at all levels, should take fully into account that population, health, education, poverty, patterns of production and consumption, empowerment of women and the environment are closely interconnected and should be considered through an integrated approach;

10. Urges all countries to consider their current spending priorities with a view to making additional contributions for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the provisions of chapters XIII and XIV

12/ E/CN.9/1995/2.

13/ E/CN.9/1995/4.

thereof and the economic constraints faced by developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, and emphasizes that international cooperation in the field of population and development is essential for the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Conference; and in this context, calls upon the international community to continue to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, adequate and substantial support and assistance for population and development activities, including through the United Nations Population Fund and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies that will be involved in the implementation, at all levels, of the Programme of Action;

11. Reiterates the importance of South/South cooperation for the successful implementation of the Programme of Action;

12. Reaffirms that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action will require an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and, in this context, calls upon the developed countries to complement the national financial efforts of developing countries on population and development and to intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

13. Acknowledges that countries with economies in transition should receive temporary assistance for population and development activities, in view of the difficult economic and social problems faced by those countries at present;

14. Urges the international community to promote a supportive international economic environment by adopting favourable macroeconomic policies aimed at promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

15. Emphasizes the importance of the early identification and allocation of financial resources by all members of the international community, including regional financial institutions, to enable them to fulfil their commitments with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

16. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for the Conference follow-up activities to be carried out by the Secretariat during 1996;

17. Invites the regional commissions, other regional and subregional organizations and the development banks to continue to examine and analyse the results of implementation of the Programme of Action at the regional level under their respective mandates;

18. Welcomes the work undertaken by the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Implementation of the Programme of Action, chaired by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, and stresses the importance of continued and enhanced cooperation and coordination by all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies in the implementation of the Programme of Action, and, in this context, notes the

establishment of new inter-agency task forces for the follow-up to conferences, which could be relevant for the implementation and follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development;

19. Emphasizes the need to maintain the momentum of the follow-up activities relating to the Conference and the Programme of Action so as to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, existing capacity within the United Nations system in the area of population and development, including the Commission on Population and Development, the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund, other organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies whose continued support and commitment are required for the successful implementation of the full range of activities outlined in the Programme of Action, and invites them to work closely in the preparation of reports for the Commission on Population and Development;

20. Requests the specialized agencies and all related organizations of the United Nations system to continue to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the specific needs of developing countries, and welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to report through the Commission on Population and Development to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996 on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force, for coordination purposes, and to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, for policy implications;

21. Requests the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To consider relevant reports and give guidance on matters concerning harmonization, cooperation and coordination within the United Nations system regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action;

(b) To consider, as appropriate, the reports submitted by the different bodies and organs on various matters related to the Programme of Action;

(c) To consider the proposed report on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force;

22. Requests the funds and programmes of the United Nations system and the regional commissions and funds to continue to provide their full and active support to the implementation of the Programme of Action, in particular at the field level, through the United Nations resident coordinator system, and invites the relevant specialized agencies to do the same;

23. Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

24. Decides to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session, within existing clusters, the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Third Committee chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/50/3) 1/ that were to be considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.3/50/1).

3. The Third Committee considered the item at its 58th meeting, on 14 December 1995. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the summary record of that meeting (A/C.3/50/SR.58).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1995 (A/50/3).

1/ To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3/Rev.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1996-1997

5. At the 58th meeting, on 14 December, the representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development introduced and orally revised the note by the Secretariat (A/C.3/50/L.69) entitled "Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1996-1997" (see A/C.3/50/SR.58).

6. At the same meeting, statements were made and questions raised by the representatives of Mongolia, Ecuador, Cuba, Spain, Costa Rica, Brazil, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland, Colombia, Japan, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Sweden, the Dominican Republic, the Russian Federation and India. The representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development responded to questions raised.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Third Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first and subsequent sessions of a sub-item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" under the item entitled "Human rights questions" (see para. 10, draft decision I).

8. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the organization of work and draft biennial programme of work for 1996-1997 as contained in document A/C.3/50/L.69, as orally revised (see para. 10, draft decision II).

B. Report of the Economic and Social Council

9. At the 58th meeting, on 14 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 10, draft decision III).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993, decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first and subsequent

sessions a sub-item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" to be considered under the item entitled "Human rights questions".

DRAFT DECISION II

Organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1996-1997

The General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, approves the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1996-1997, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time-limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations or on behalf of groups of delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed 15 minutes. This time-limit will have to be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the

treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Draft proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 4. International drug control

Item 5. Advancement of women

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination 2/

2/ Items 10 and 11 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination 2/

Item 12. Human rights questions: 3/, 4/

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below: 5/

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3/ Sub-item (a) is to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e) are to be discussed jointly.

4/ Delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e) but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

5/ References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Annual

World social situation 6/

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, International Year of Older Persons (1999) and related activities (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

National experience in promoting the cooperative movement (even years)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

International Year of the Family (odd years)

Cooperation to achieve education for all (1997)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1999)

6/ 1996 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.
1997 - Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission on Social Development.
1998 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.
1999 - Interim report on the world social situation and report of the Commission on Social Development.

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2000)

Item 4. International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; proposal for an international conference to combat the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Item 5. Advancement of women

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Violence against women migrant workers

Traffic in women and girls (1996)

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

United Nations Development Fund for Women (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (1996)

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (1996)

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1997)

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

International measures for the prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflicts; the girl child

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even)

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Biennial

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (even years)

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Biennial

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (even years)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Human rights and terrorism

Strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Year for Tolerance (1996)

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (1996)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

Strengthening of the rule of law

Biennial

Summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Development of public information activities in the field of human rights (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

ANNEX II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1996-1997

1996 7/

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Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

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7/ The programme of work and documentation for 1996 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1996.

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family 8/

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (resolution 49/155)

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.3 on the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.15 on strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.16)

Item 4. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (resolution 49/168, sect. VI, and draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.14)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (resolution 48/112, sect. IV) 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.14)

8/ General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

9/ Submitted to the Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 5. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180) 9/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125 and draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.25/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.23)

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.26/Rev.1 on traffic in women and girls

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.27 on violence against women migrant workers, including the report of the expert group

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.64) 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on ways to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to support the follow-up to the Conference (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.64) 9/

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (resolution 49/170)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.17)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.19)

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolution 44/25, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (resolution 49/211)

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.28, para. 30)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.28, para. 29)

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (decision 49/458)

Report of the Secretary-General on the existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous people (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.30)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made at the national, regional and international levels in accomplishing the objectives of the Decade (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.30)

Report of the Administrative Committee for Coordination on activities of the United Nations system in relation to the Decade (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.30)

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.5/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.6)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.9)

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.4/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.7)

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI)) 9/

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 36/151)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 49/177)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.39)

Report of the Secretary-General on ensuring financing and adequate staff and other resources for the operations of the human rights treaty bodies (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.47/Rev.1, para. 2 (c))

Report of the Secretary-General on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.47/Rev.1, para. 24)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the United Nations Year for Tolerance (resolution 49/213)

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights (resolution 49/187)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 49/189)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (resolution 49/193)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Human Rights Education Decade: Towards a culture of peace (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.33)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Centre for Human Rights in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.40)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.42)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution A/C.3/50/L.48 on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.55)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.57)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.62/Rev.1)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights and extreme poverty (resolution 49/179)

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (resolution 49/186)

Strengthening of United Nations action in the human rights field through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.34)

Respect for the universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.36)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.38)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.43)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution A/C.3/50/L.45 on rape and abuse of women in the areas of armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.52)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Nigeria (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.66)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights field operation in Rwanda (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.67)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.35)

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.41)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.44)

Situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.46)

Situation of human rights in Haiti (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.56)

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.58)

Situation of human rights in Cuba (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.60)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Secretary-General (resolutions 48/121 and A/C.3/50/L.50)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141) 9/

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Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (resolution 44/56) 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on progress of efforts to ensure the equalization of opportunities and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in the various bodies of the United Nations system (resolution 48/956)

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the observance of the International Year of Older Persons (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.2)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.10) 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation process of the education for all objectives, including the recommendations of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.11) 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of global disability indicators (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.12/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (resolution 50/___)

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

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Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

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Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180) 9/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.24 on improvement of the situation of women in rural areas 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.22)

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.64) 9/

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

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Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.53)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.37)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.49)

Report of the Secretary-General on the programmatic, institutional, administrative, financial and managerial efforts instituted to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to avert new flows of refugees and to tackle the root causes of such outflows (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.51/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolutions 49/190 and A/C.3/50/L.59 on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization

Report of the Secretary-General on the possible establishment of a United Nations voluntary fund for victims of terrorism (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.61/Rev.1)

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.32)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.54)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141) 9/

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Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of chapters I, III, V (sections B and D through I), IX and XIV of the report of the Economic and Social Council. 10/

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